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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, SA

SUBJECT: NO NECESSITY FOR E AND E ANNOUNCEMENT

REF STATE 204191, AMMAN 4951

SUMMARY: WE SEE NO NECESSITY FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON ANY EVACUATION AT THE MOMENT. SAUDI ABILITY MAINTAIN SECURITY APPEARS GOOD AND INTENTIONS REMAIN FIRM PREVENT ANY INCIDENTS. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITY, LARGEST IN ANY ARAB COUNTRY, AND ARE URGING ONLY USUAL PRECAUTIONS CONCERNING TRAVEL AND CIRCULATION. END SUMMARY.

1. EVALUATION OF SECURING SITUATION IN SAUDI ARABIA INDICATES ONLY NEED AS OF MOMENT FOR USUAL PRECAUTIONS, DESPITE WHAT IS BEING BILLED AS MASSIVE AMERICAN EFFORT RE-SUPPLY ISRAEL. SO LONG AS ARABS ARE GIVING A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES AND MAINTAINING THEIR DESIRE FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH WASHINGTON, FELL PHYSICAL DANGER TO AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL MINIMAL.

2. RE PARA A REFTEL, WE DO NOT NEED AND WOULD FIND EXACERBATING TO SITUATION HERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT BY WASHINGTON. IF EVACUATION FROM SPECIFIC AREAS BECOMES NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE, WE SUGGEST LOCALIZED AND QUIET ANNOUNCEMENT, WITH ANY WASHINGTON SECRET

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RESPONSE TO NEWS OF AMERICANS MOVING OUT LIMITED TO MENTION OF SPECIFIC AREAS.

3. RE PARAS B & C REFTEL SAG IS PROUD OF ITS GOOD

SECURITY RECORD AND HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF IT BY EMBASSY. THIS WEEK MOREOVER EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REAFFIRMATION FROM HIGHEST LEVELS OF SAG THAT AMERICAN COMMUNITY NEED HAVE NO CONCERN FOR THEIR SECURITY AND WELLBEING. SAUDI OFFICIALS HAVE NOTED TO US THAT AMERICANS WERE NOT EVACUATED IN 1967 AND THAT NO HARM CAME TO ANY AMERICAN AT THAT TIME; THEY ASSURE US SAME IS TRUE NOW AND WILL BE IN FUTURE.

4. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, JIDDA AMERICAN COMMUNITY NUMBERS 2,950 WITH 50 TOURISTS (BUSINESSMEN) ALSO IN AREA.

5. NOTE THAT IF JORDAN NEEDS TO EVACUATE ONE OF THE EXIT POSSIBILITIES FOR EVACUEES FROM THERE IS TO JIDDA BY CAR OR THROUGH TABUK BY AIR.  
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